

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECONVENED MEETING
May 29, 2014**

The Reconvened Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 5:05 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Callahan, Bridgers, and Kellis. Commissioner Cirone was absent.

F. Clean up of tall grass on abandoned properties

Kris Kosem stated that he is unable to clean up the property for \$400. Deputy Clerk Bethany Johnson will advertise for the work.

H. Discuss need for a new Town Attorney and possible contract.

Commissioner Kellis made the motion to select the Brough Law Firm as the new town attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Discuss proposal from First Bank for Banking Services

BB&T came in for a meeting and stated that they were unable to compete with the First Bank proposal. Commissioner Callahan made the motion to move our checking account activities to First Bank. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Budget

Raising Taxes – Commissioner Kellis made the motion to not increase tax rate. The motion failed 3 to 1 with Commissioners Callahan, Bridgers, and Blackwell opposing the motion. Commissioner Blackwell made the motion to increase the tax rate by .01 cents. The motion passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Kellis opposing and Commissioners Callahan, Bridgers, and Blackwell voting in favor.

Salary – Commissioner Blackwell made the motion to accept the salaries as presented in the budget. The motion failed 3 to 1 with Commissioners Callahan, Bridgers, and Kellis opposing the motion. Commissioner Callahan made the motion to move all employees to the next step on the “step chart.” The motion passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Blackwell opposing the motion and Commissioners Callahan, Bridgers, and Kellis voting in favor.

Staffing – Commissioner Kellis made the motion to approve the part time position for the police department with hours not to exceed 990 hours for the fiscal year. Commissioners Kellis and Bridgers voted in favor and Commissioners Blackwell and Callahan opposed the motion. Mayor Callahan broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bridgers made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

Attest: _____
Bethany A. Johnson, Deputy Clerk